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SUBJECT: UGANDAN REFUGEES

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1. ACCORDING TO UNHCR REP MR. USAMAH KADRY, BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24 AND MARCH 6, 300 UGANDANS APPLIED FOR ASYLUM IN KENYA THROUGH UNHCR OFFICE IN NAIROBI. AN ADDITIONAL 400 UGANDANS ARE KNOWN BY LADRY TO HAVE CROSSED THE UGANA/KENYA BORDER SINCE MARCH 6, BUT HAVE NOT YET PRESENTED THEMSELVES TO UNHCR. ON MARCH 10 ALONE, 40 UGANDANS WERE PROCESSED BY UNHCR.

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2. ALTHOUGH MAJORITY OF UGANDAN ASYLUM SEEKERS ARE LANGI AND ACHOLI TRIBESMEN, UNHCR REPORTS THAT IT HAS ALSO PROCESSED SOME MUSLIMS AND BUSINESSMEN OF OTHER TRIBES WHOSE BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED BY GOU. UNLIKE KENYA'S OTHER REFUGEES WHO TEND TO BE FARMERS OR IN THE CASE OF ETHIOPIANS, STUDENTS, THESE UGANDANS

ARE PREDOMINANTLY INTELLECTUALS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE--COLLEGE PROFESSORS, MEDICAL DOCTORS, BUSINESSMEN, AND UGANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING ONE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT HOLDER FROM UGANDAN MFA). KADRY STATED THAT THERE WERE A "FEW UGANDAN ARMY OFFICERS BUT WOULD NOT SPECIFY NUMBER.

3. UNHCR NAIROBI HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE UGANDANS. THIS NEW GROUP OF ASYLUM SEEKERS ARE RECEIVING A ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF APPROXIMATELY US\$25 (FOR SINGLE REFUGEE) TO \$50 (FOR FAMILY OF UP TO FIVE MEMBERS, WITH \$6 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER) FINANCED SOLELY BY UNHCR. BEGINNING APRIL 1, ALL-AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES WILL THRU JOINT REFUGEE SERVICES OF KENYA INCREASE ITS MONTHLY SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS TO UGANDANS ONLY FROM APPROXIMATELY \$12 TO \$18 FOR A SINGLE REFUGEE. MARRIED COUPLES, WITH OR WITHOUT CHILDREN, WILL RECEIVE AT MINIMUM SUBSISTENCE PAYMENT EQUIVALENT TO KENYAN MINIMUM WAGE OF \$43. UNHCR HAS ALSO ARRANGED WITH GOK FOR THOSE UGANDANS WAITING TO BE GRANTED ASYLUM WHO ARE ABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENT. (USUALLY REFUGEE STATUS MUST BE GRANTED BEFORE OBTAINING WORK PERMIT WAIVER.)

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH UGANDAN REFUGEES ARE RECEIVING MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAN REFUGEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES (WHO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ONLY US\$12 PER MONTH WITH NO INITIAL PAYMENT TO AID IN SETTLEMENT), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE SUMS ARE STILL INSUFFICIENT TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE HOUSING AND FOOD. ON MARCH 1 THE GOK RAISED PRICES FOR BASIC FOODSTUFFS BY AS MUCH AS 50 PER CENT. WITH THE INCREASED BURDEN ON THE NAIROBI HOUSING MARKET, PRICE IN THAT AREA WILL MOST PROBABLY RISE AS WELL.

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